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Applicant : Shorter, et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed June 14, 2006, the Applicants submit the remarks and arguments provided herein.

**The Claims** as currently pending are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this submission.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this submission.